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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

To Whom It May Concern:

This correspondence is referencing CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21

Attached you will find copies of:

1. The appeal letter that was sent to the SLD
2. SLD Administrator's Decision on Appeal
3. The Service Certification form
4. The SLD Remittance Statement

The justification for our appeal to the FCC is as follows.

We were denied the opportunity to present our case to the SLD as a result of our appeal being received more than 60 days after the date of the issuance of our Form 486 Notification Letter. (Reference the "SLD Administrator's Decision on Appeal")

This is true however, we were not made aware of the error that had been made on our 486 Forms until the SLD noticed the discrepancy during the Service Certification process. (Reference the Service Certification Form and the SLD Remittance Statement)

When we were contacted by Verizon regarding the reason the SLD was refusing to reimburse Verizon for the FRN's we filed our appeal with the SLD citing our honest mistake.

We are requesting that you review our appeal based on the fact that we could not have filed our appeal in the time frame that the SLD required as we were not aware of an error in our entry of the Service Start Dates until it was brought to our attention by the SLD during the Service Certification process. We feel that the 60 days should have begun once we were made aware of the discrepancy..

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"THE SUNNY COMMUNITY"

The initial error that precipitated this entire affair is stated in our appeal letter to the SLD, that is, an incorrect entry on our **486** forms **for FRN# 653957** and **FRN# 653655**. (Reference the Appeal letter that was sent to the SLD by the Sunnyside School District.)

We are sincerely apologetic for the difficulties this has caused but we also believe that we should be allowed to present our case for your appraisal.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.M. Swatzell", written in a cursive style.

J.M. Swatzell

Technology Director
Sunnyside School District